

Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
Expedited Procedure  
Examining Group 3600

PATENT  
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: 040894-5949

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Ryuichi SATO	)	Confirmation No.: 5489
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Application No.: 10/654,941	)	Group Art Unit: 3653
	)	
Filed: September 5, 2003	)	Examiner: T. Morrison
	)	
For: SHEET PROCESSING APPARATUS	)	Mail Stop AF
AND SHEET BUNDLE ALIGNMENT	)	
METHOD	)	

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401 Dulany Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 TRANSMITTAL FORM**

- Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Request for Reconsideration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 responding to the Final Office Action dated April 6, 2006.
- Additional papers enclosed:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Drawings: <input type="checkbox"/> Formal <input type="checkbox"/> Informal (Correction)   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Information Disclosure Statement   | 08/09/2006 SDEH80B1 00000015 500310 10654941 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Form PTO-1449, _____ references included   | 01 FC:1251 120.00 DA                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Citations  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Declaration of Biological Deposit  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Submission of "Sequence Listing", computer readable copy and/or amendment pertaining thereto for biotechnology invention containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence. |  |

3. Extension of Time

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

- ☐ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.
- ☒ Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), for the total number of months checked below:

<u>Total Months Requested</u>	<u>Fee for Extension</u>	<u>[Fee for Small Entity]</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 450.00	\$ 225.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 510.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$ 1,590.00	\$ 795.00

Extension of time fee due with this request: \$120.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a Petition therefor.

- ☐ An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

4. Constructive Petition

- ☒ EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

5. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. §1.16)

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid	Present Extra	at Rate of	Total Fees
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(c))	20	minus	23		x \$50 each=	+ \$
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(b))	7	minus	7		x \$200 each=	+ \$
[ ] First presentation of Multiple dependent claim(s)					\$360.00	+ \$
SUB-TOTAL =						\$
Reduction by ½ for filing by a small entity						- \$
TOTAL FEE =						\$

6. Fee Payment

- ☐ No fee is to be paid at this time.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$120.00 for one-month extension of time fee to Deposit Account 50-0310.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310.

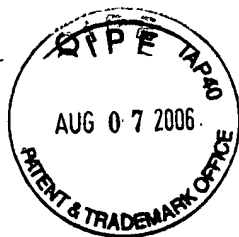
Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR  
RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the Final Office Action dated April 6, 2006, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, the period of response to which extends through August 7, 2006 (August 6, 2006 being a Sunday), with the payment of a one-month extension fee, entry of the following amendments is respectfully requested to place the application in clear condition for allowance or, alternatively, in better form for appeal.